

# *Tacoma Presentation to RTC*

Governance models that work well...

- Sound Transit and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)
  - Both boards are population based and inclusive of cities
  - Any concerns with the operation of these agencies over the years has been worked out by the members

## Governance Models that do not work as well...

- Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID)
- The RTID model does not work as it should because cities are not at the table and had no direct voice.

# Biggest Challenges for Regional Governance

- No models currently exist of a “directly elected regional transportation body”
  - The State has not in the past created multi-county, multi-function directly elected agencies
  - Important question: “Does this model improve accountability to our citizens?”

# Coordination for Major Regional Highway Projects

- Washington DOT should reorganize its regional districts to match the borders of Central Puget Sound area.
  - Existing districts were formed long before the idea of regional highway funding
  - Coordination of projects with other key transportation needs in the four county area will be enhanced by realignment

# Transportation Funding

- Tacoma's funds transportation projects through our share of the gas tax

# Transportation Tax & Fee Revenue

Source	2002	2005	2008 Projected
Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax	\$4,196,000	\$4,224,000	\$4,994,000
Vehicle License Fee	\$1,491,000	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,687,000</b>	<b>\$4,224,000</b>	<b>\$4,994,000</b>

2005 & 2008 include the local share of the new fuel tax increase

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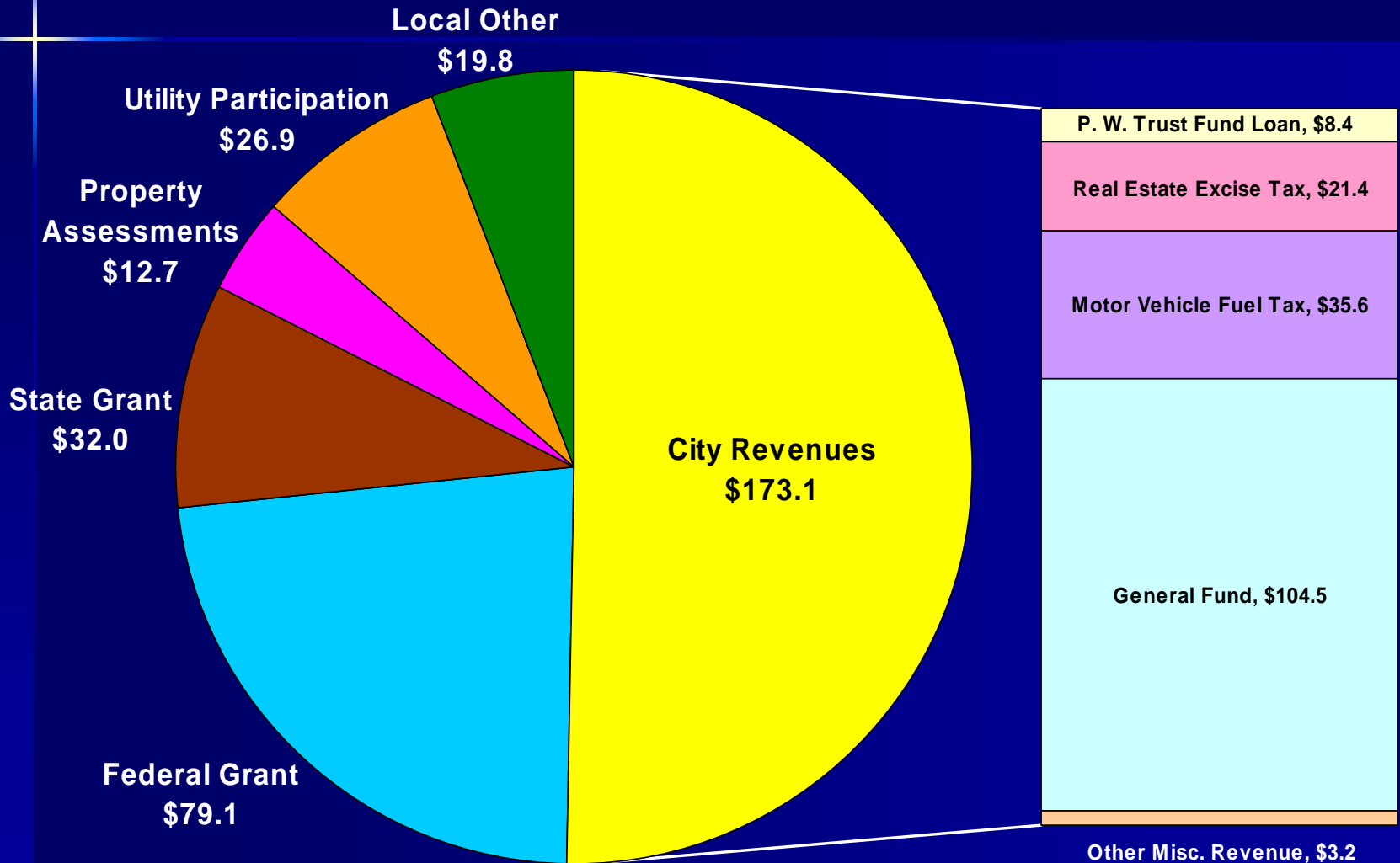
- Tacoma funds Local Improvement Districts for neighborhood streets and alleys through its General Fund

# Tacoma Levy Lid Lift Election

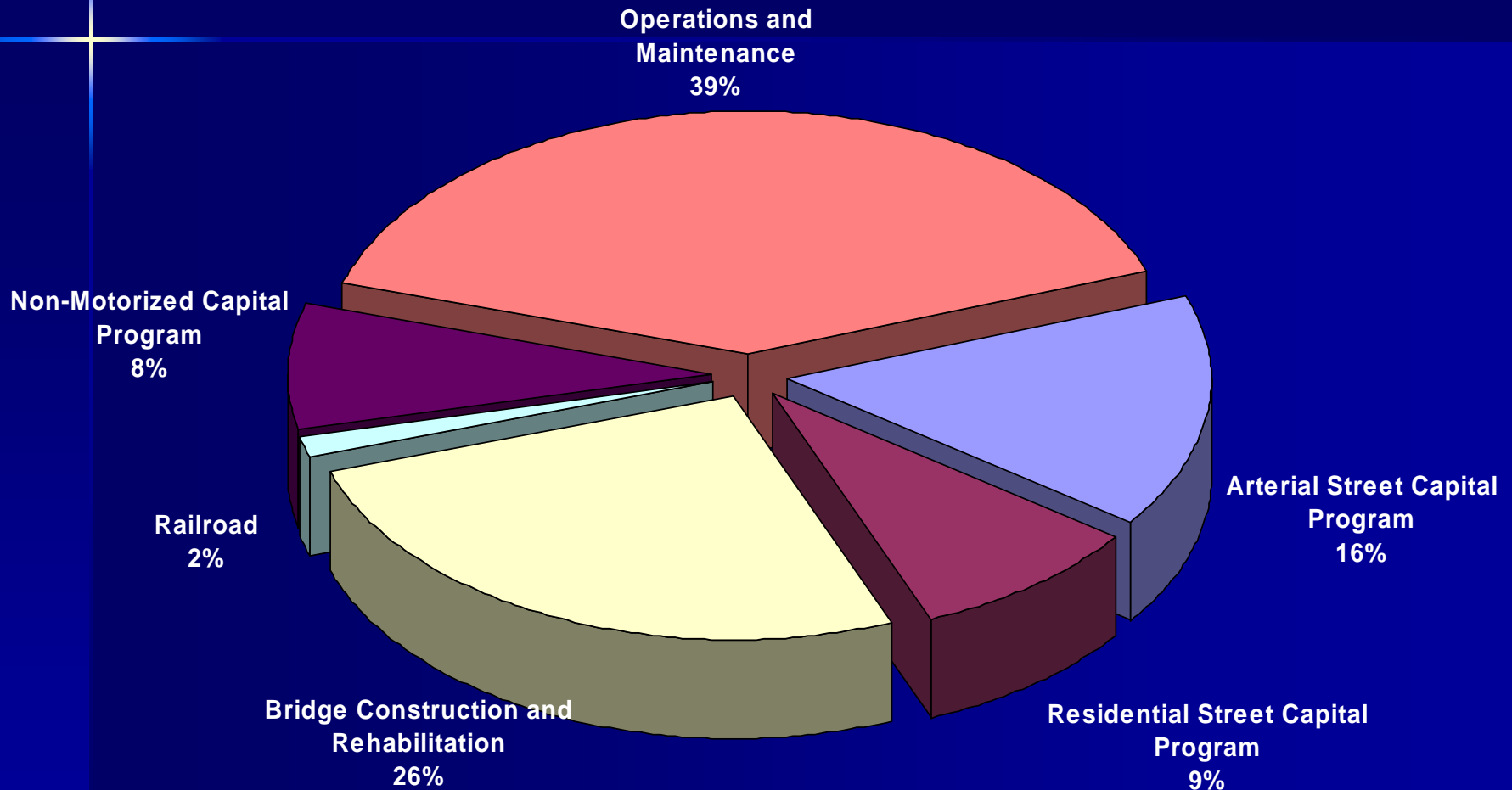
- Tacoma will seek voter approval of a transportation levy lid lift election this November. This proposal will dedicate \$48 million to improving our residential streets over the next six years.
- The Legislature is to be commended for its work on the State highways in recent years, but that is only a part of the system. The State needs to provide alternatives for more funding for local transportation needs



# Projected Transportation Revenues 2006 – 2012 (in millions)



# Projected Transportation Expenditures 2006 - 2012



# In Summary...

- City of Tacoma believes there are very functional regional governments already working effectively on transportation issues
- The real “transportation issue” in this region is not governance but REVENUE